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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ambassador Michael B. Smith  
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Negotiations

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will be our representative to the task force which will prepare for the  
September GATT Ministerial. [redacted] Director of the Office of  
Global Issues, CIA, will be [redacted] alternate.

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guidance for U.S. participation in the Preparatory Committee. [redacted]  
Chief of the Economics Division, Office of Global Issues, will be Mr.  
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## UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

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December 16, 1985

## MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

FROM: Clayton Yeutter 

SUBJECT: U.S. Preparations for New Multilateral Trade Negotiations

As you know, two weeks ago the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) formed a Preparatory Committee for the new round of multilateral trade negotiations, an important step called for by the President to liberalize world trade. We welcome this decision and are pleased that GATT member countries have followed the President's lead in reaffirming their commitment to reduce trade barriers and strengthen the trading system through negotiations. Beginning January 20, the Preparatory Committee will meet frequently to determine the objectives, subject matter, and organizational details for the negotiations. It is to complete its work by mid-July and make recommendations to a ministerial meeting in September 1986. This means that we will have to make a political decision by then on whether to proceed with negotiations.

In order to prepare ourselves, we will need to do a great deal of serious work in a relatively short time period. We also may have to make rapid decisions on issues as they emerge from the Preparatory Committee. For this reason, I am forming two special interagency task forces to manage U.S. preparations for the new negotiations. I would hope that each of your agencies will participate actively in this process and make the necessary resource commitments to ensure the achievement of U.S. objectives in the negotiations.

The first task force, under the chairmanship of Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Michael B. Smith and with agency participation at the Assistant Secretary level or above, will focus on preparations for the September ministerial meeting. This task force will determine the U.S. strategy, elements of the ministerial declaration, and logistical support for the meeting.

The second task force will be chaired by Charles H. Blum, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Multilateral Negotiations, and will be composed of agency representatives at the Office Director level or above. This task force will be charged with the day-to-day guidance of U.S. participation in the Preparatory Committee and the development of U.S. positions on the objectives, subject matter and organizational details to be addressed during the

. Preparatory Committee's discussions.

By noon Friday, December 20, please provide Ambassador Smith with the names of one representative and one alternate for each task force so that we can begin the work promptly in January.

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